

REMARKS

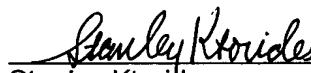
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's position that claim 16 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 15 has been amended to incorporate therein the subject matter of claim 16 and, now superfluous, claim 16 has been cancelled. Accordingly claim 15 is claim 16 rewritten in independent form and thus is allowable.

In view of the amendments made herein, applicants respectfully submit that the rejection based on Stubblefield et al. (U.S. 4,173,746) is now moot and need not be further argued herein.

Inasmuch as the only claims pending are claim 15 which is allowable and claim 17 which is dependent thereon, applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and, since all of the pending claims are allowable, a Notice of Allowance be issued.

Respectfully submitted,



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